(a) whether the Registrar of Village Panchayats has not in his memo B. 1703/09, dated 2nd Vrischigam 1109, admitted the necessity for the road mentioned in question No. 17;

(b) whether in all cases of new road connections surrender of lands free of cost is insisted upon?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) The memo issued is that the work will be taken up if lands are surrendered free.

(b) Generally surrender of lands is insisted upon except in cases where the people cannot get on without the work and the people are too poor to contribute land acquisition charges.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to understand that unless land is surrendered free of cost, we cannot expect roads to be constructed by the Government?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—In all cases except the work is so very urgent and the people are too poor, the Government insist on surrender of lands.

Check-measurement of Panchayat works.

19. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state: —

(a) whether there is not a rule that Panchayat works over Rs. 500 should be check-measured either by or in the presence of Tahsildars of the Taluk concerned;

(b) whether this rule is observed in practice; and

(c) if not, why?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of the above answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any kind of Panchayat work to be check-measured by the Tahsildar of the Taluk?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes. Irrigation works above 100 rupees and below 500 rupees. It has to be done by the Tahsildar himself.

Panchayat allotment lapsed in 1108.

20. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of Panchayat allotments lapsed in 1108?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Please see items 1 to 10 of the Appendix VI to answer to question No. 44, dated 23rd January 1934 (10th Makaram 1109).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, on a point of order, with regard to the answer it is stated here "Please see items 1 to 10 of the Appendix VI to answer to question No. 44, dated 23rd January 1934. I wish to know whether this form of answering the question does not hamper the right of putting supplementary questions?

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President.—I see the Hon'ble Member's point. It makes the asking of supplementary questions difficult.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, may we expect the Government hereafter to answer such questions by not giving such references as is printed here.

President.—The Government will consider that in future.

Panchayat works—tender deduction—utilisation of.

21. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what exactly is done with the tender deductions on Panchayat works each year ;

(b) whether the deductions on works of each Panchayat is utilised in the same Panchayat for other items of works not provided for in the Budget ?

Mr P. V. Raphael.—(a) and (b). Tender deductions on works are utilised for deviations in the works themselves if such deviations are necessary for the satisfactory completion of the works. They are also sometimes transferred to other urgent works of the same Panchayat or of other Panchayats according to necessity. Special care is taken, as far as possible to utilise the tender savings from works of a Panchayat for other works in the same Panchayat.

Contract of Panchayat works.

22. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any Panchayat has been allowed by the Registrar to entrust works over Rs. 100 on contract in the course of 1109 as allowed under the rules ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes, with the approval of the Registrar.

Road connecting the Choolisseri Village with the Avanoor Village—opening of.

23. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether representations have not been made to the Government urging the opening of a road to connect the Choolisseri village with the Avanoor village both of the Trichur Taluk ;

(b) whether anything has been done in the matter as yet ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. Apart of the work is being attended to and steps will be taken to complete it.

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